(c) if so, what measures Government propose to take to give the same coverage to the viewers of Vidarbha, Marathwada, Western Maharashtra and Konkan and other rural areas of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Increase in the cost of colour TV sets

*58. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cost of colour TV sets has recently gone up in the country; and

(b) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Following the increase of excise duty on Colour TV sets of screen size above 36 cms and having a value exceeding Rs. 5000, the consumer price of a number of such CTV sets has gone up by Rs. 250 plus local taxes.

Separate service cadres for AIR and Doordarshan

*59. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to have separate cadres for the Programmes, Engineering and Administration for All India Radio and Doordarshan, which hitherto have been common;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, and

(c) whether Government have also decided to freeze all cases of promotion and also recruitment to these cadres till bifurcation is complete?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Computerisation in Banks

*60. PROF. C. LAKSHAMANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently an agreement on computerisation and mechanisation in Indian banks has been reached between the Indian Banks' Association and the representatives of the bank employees;

(b) if so, the extent to which such mechanisation and computerisation is proposed to be introduced in the accounting and other processes of the banks in the country;

(c) whether Government have made any study for the computerisation in the banks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In terms of the settlement, "Advanced Ledger Posting Machines" (ALPMS)/"Advanced Electronic Accounting Machines" (AEAMS) can be installed at certain branches of the bank in metropolitan and other urban centres for the following functions:—

(i) Current Accounts including Overdraft Accounts,

(ii) Savings Banks Accounts,

(iii) Other Deposit Accounts,

(iv) General Ledger Accounts,

(v) Cash Credit and Loan Accounts,

(vi) Salary and Pay Roll.

(c) and (d) The Committee constituted by RBI in July 1983 under the Chairmanship of Deputy Governor, Dr. C. Rangarajan had recommended mechanisation and computerisation in the banking industry at 3 levels, *viz.* (i) branch level, (ii) regional/zonal offices level and (iii) Head Office level. These recommendations have been accepted by RBI and banks have been advised to instal Advanced Ledger Posting Machines at branches, mini computers at regional/zonal offices and main frame computers at Head Offices.

National equity fund for small scale units

@198. SHRI KALPNATH RAI:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to set up a National Equity Fund to provide assistance to small scale units; and

(b) what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) A proposal in this behalf is under consideration of Government.

@Previously unstarred Question 67, transferred from the 13th April, 1987.

Schemes for development of electronics industry in Andhra Pradesh

199. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the schemes undertaken by Government to develop electronics industry in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) what is the total amount of money earmarked during the last three years and that which has already been spent for the purpose and what is the number of units which have come up so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) In the matter of setting up electronics units and providing facilities, Government's policy is uniform for all states, including Andhra Pradesh. As a general policy, State Governments endeavour to create climate conducive to setting up industries. Department of Electronics gives necessary guidance whenever required.

However, Department of Electronics is setting up a Mainframe Computer manufacturing facility in Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL) with a total project cost of Rs. 35.68 crores.

Under the Standardisation Testing and Quality Control (STQC) Programme of Department of Electronics, Electronics Test and Development Centre (ETDC) at Hyderabad was established to help and support the electronic industry in Andhra Pradesh. ETDC will provide support in terms of testing, calibration and development assistance.

Rs. 17.5 lakhs have been invested for procurement of various equipments for ETDC, Hyderabad.